

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 401  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**Monday, October 6, 2014  
8:45 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Blanchette, Lynn  
Bloom, Elizabeth  
Ducharme, Maria  
Jean, Marie  
Matthew, Joanne  
Pezzillo, Maria  
Tierney, Anne  
Twardowski, Linda: Board President  
Walters, Delores**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Blier, Diane**

**Brier, Jessica**

**Cahill, Michelle**

**Young, Kristen**

## **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**McInnis, Twila Director of the Board**

**Coleman, Amy, Legal Counsel**

**Beauregard, Karl, Legal Counsel**

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Casey, Bob**

**Clapprood, Eleanor; NPARI**

**Gadbois, Chris: RISNA**

**Richard, Paula; Regis College**

**Rocha, Jean Marie; HARI**

**Sullivan, Mary; URI**

## **1. Establishment of a quorum**

**A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.**

**A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called**

**to order at 9:17 am on a motion by Lynn Blanchette, seconded by Marie Jean. Motion carried.**

## **2. Presentation of the September 8, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Lynn Blanchette and seconded by Marie Jean to accept the Open Session minutes of September 8, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

## **3. Director Report**

**a. Announcement of new Board of Nursing member: Delores M. Walters, Ph.D. Consumer Seat**

**b. Announcement of new Advanced Practice Advisory Committee member: Sylvia Weber, MSN, PCNS**

**c. President's Award for Jessica Brier at the Annual Meeting for RISNA; Chris Gadbois discussed Jessica's contributions to the nurses of RI.**

**d. Discussion on nurse's signing out drugs to give to anesthesia: We need more information from the pharmacy and if the physician is recording it on the record.**

**e. Letter from ANCC retiring exam for Pediatric CNS**

**f. NLCA vs. NLC**

**g. NCLEX Conference 9/29/14: NCSBN to visit in 6 months. CAT**

video online to show students. Readability of exam is at the level of “Swiss Family Robinson”, not at the level of a nursing text. This is the minimum accepted standard for entry level. Average # of questions answered are 112. Minimum # of questions is 76. Maximum is 265. 30% of students get the minimum length of 2 hours testing; very high or very low. 2% run out of time. The test can run up to 6 hours for students close to the passing standard. Requested data on failure rate and probability of eventually passing. Reports from Mountain Measurement can be subscribed to for educators to evaluate how students did in each area and in comparison on management of care from 3 hours per day in 2005 to 6 hours per day now.

**h. Refresher course cancelled at UMass Dartmouth for Fall**

**i. Resignation of Carol Cairns, RN from BON**

**j. Licensee Information for September, 2014**

**k. A Success Story. A nurse shares his story of recovery from addiction in Nursing Health Connections.**

#### **4. President Report**

**a. National Simulation Study: An excellent study. In 3 simulation groups of 25%, 50% and the control, it was found that all had similar NCLEX scores.**

**b. Nursing Health Connections message regarding the Ebola epidemic: Marie Jean noted that nurses have gone to Liberia to bury the dead. Maria Ducharme discussed that Miriam Hospital is**

developing a policy for employees that have traveled to West Africa for returning to work. Delores Walters mentioned that DNP students have worked in outreach with Dr. Fine to educate the Liberian population.

c. NLC Language alignment with the APRN consensus model

d. Schedule II, III and IV drug prescriptions

e. International Nurse Regulator Collaborative Symposium October 28, 29. 30. 2014

f. RN Work Project Data: NCSBN survey shows that 1 in 5 new nurses leave their first job in a year. New nurses need support

**5. Old Business: Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing:**

**Task Force for Updating Rules and Regulations: Lead Jessica Brier: The Rules and Regulations will be promulgated October 23, 2014.**

**Task Force on Education: Lead Maria Pezzillo, Lynn Blanchette, Marie Jean**

**Task Force on Skill Remediation: Lead Kristen Young**

**Subcommittee on Website Improvement: Jessica Brier, Joanne Matthew, Linda Twardowski**

**Subcommittee for Basic Nursing Education BON Seats: Michelle Cahill, Maria Pezzillo, Beth Bloom, Lynn Blanchette**

**6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Beth Bloom and seconded by Maria Pezzillo to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:26 am. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

#### **7. Motion to return to Open Session**

**Motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Beth Bloom at 4:15 pm to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.**

#### **8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

**· The board reviewed and approved 0 and denied 1 applications; and proposed action on 30 cases.**

#### **9. Adjournment**

**The next Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Beth Bloom to adjourn at 4:30 pm . Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Twila McInnis, MPA, MS, RN**

**Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education**